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E.O. 11652: GDS  
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SUBJECT: HMONG REFUGEE INFLUX INTO NONG KHAI  
PROVINCE

1. PHON PHISAI AND BUNG KAN DISTRICT OFFICIALS IN  
NONG KHAI PROVINCE, PROVIDED FOLLOWING UPDATE ON HMONG  
REFUGEE INFLUX TO CONREP MARCH 27. TOTAL OF 51 NEW REFUGEES  
ENTERED PHON PHISAI DISTRICT MARCH 23-27. IN ADDITION,  
A MIXED GROUP OF 17 LOWLAND LAO AND THAI DAM AND SMALL  
BAND OF 4 ENLISTED LPDR SOLDIERS ALSO FLED TO PHON  
PHISAI DURING SAME PERIOD. ONLY THREE NEW HMONG ARRIVALS  
PROCESSED INTO BUNG KAN DISTRICT MARCH 23-27.

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2. CONREP INTERVIEWED ONE OF HMONG LEADERS AMONG NEW  
ARRIVALS IN PCHON PHISAI. HE STATED THAT HIS GROUP OF  
100 HMONGS SUFFERED TWO KILLED DURING LPDR/SRV ATTACK  
ON THEIR VILLAGE IN PHU BIA AREA FEBRUARY 10 AND 11 AND  
LOST ANOTHER NINE KILLED IN CONTACTS WITH LPDR PATROLS  
DURING FLIGHT TO MEKONG RIVER BORDER.

3. HMONG LEADER ADDED THAT HIS GROUP HID FOR NEARLY A MONTH IN FOOTHILLS (VICINITY OF COORDINATES UF1743) THREE TO FOUR HOUR WALK FROM MEKONG WITH SEVERAL THOUSAND OTHER FLEEING HMONG, MAJORITY OF WHOM WERE ELDERLY, WOMEN AND CHILDREN. HE CLAIMED THAT PLATOON SIZED UNITS OF LPDR/SRV TROOPS ATTACKED THEIR HIDING PLACES MARCH 21 SCATTERING REFUGEES. HE REPORTED NO CASUALTIES BUT STATED THAT ONLY FOUR PERSONS AMONG HIS ORIGINAL GROUP HAVE SUCCESSFULLY CROSSED INTO THAILAND TO DATE.

4. CONREP ALSO VISITED NONG KHAI DETENTION CENTER MARCH 27 TO WITNESS BEGINNING OF LARGE SCALE TRANSFER OF DETAINEES TO REFUGEE CAMP. ACCORDING TO PROVINCIAL IMMIGRATION OFFICIALS SUPERVISING TRANSFER, TOTAL OF 1,018 DETAINEES, CONSISTING OF 819 LOWLAND LAO, 152 HMONG AND 47 THAI DAM, ARE BEING ADMITTED INTO REFUGEE CAMP THIS WEEK. THIS MOVE SHOULD SOLVE, TEMPORARILY AT LEAST, PROBLEM OF EXTREME CONGESTION THAT HAS PLAGUED DETENTION CENTER LAST THREE MONTHS.

5. CAMA SERVICES REP ANDRIANOFF CONTINUES TO DO EXCELLENT JOB OF PROMPTLY SUPPLYING NEW HMONG ARRIVALS IN PHON PHISAI AND BUNG KAN WITH BASIC SUPPORT ITEMS. HE VISITED BOTH DISTRICTS MARCH 26. IRC AND ICRC HAVE ALSO PERFORMED WELL IN RESPONDING TO HMONG REFUGEE SITUATION.  
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6. TIME MAGAZINE CORRESPONDENT DAVID DEVOSS CALLED ON CONSULATE MARCH 27-28 FOR BRIEFING IN CONNECTION WITH STORY HE IS PREPARING ON CURRENT HMONG INFLUX.

7. COMMENT: WE CONTINUE TO OBSERVE THAT WHILE HMONG REFUGEE LEADERS PERSIST IN REPORTING CASUALTIES INCURRED NEAR BORDER MR IN ACT OF BORDER CROSSING FROM LPDR/SRV GUNFIRE, GUNSHOT OR OTHER BATTLE WOUNDS AMONG THOSE HMONG REFUGEES WHO SUCCESSFULLY MAKE IT TO THAILAND SEEM TO BE RARE.

8. REQUEST EMBASSY REFUGEE OFFICE INFORM ICRC OFFICE BANGKOK THAT SHIPMENT OF BLANKETS AND OTHER SUPPORT ITEMS TO BUNG KAN DISTRICT ARRANGED FROM UBON BY TRAVELLING ICRC GEQ MR PETER BILTENSBERGER, ARRIVED SAFELY MARCH 24.  
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